

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of:

JIN, et al.

Group Art Unit:

Application No.: New Application

Examiner:

Filed: May 24, 2001

Attorney Dkt. No.: 100967-00011

For: SKIN CANCER PREVENTIVE AGENT

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: May 24, 2001

Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claims 3 as follows:

3. (Amended) The skin cancer preventive agent according to claim 1 wherein, the weight average molecular weight of sericin is from 5,000 to 100,000.

Please add claim 4:

4. (New) The skin cancer preventive agent according to claim 2 wherein, the weight average molecular weight of sericin is from 5,000 to 100,000.

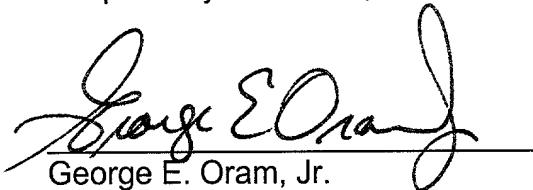
## **REMARKS**

By this Amendment, claim 3 is amended to delete multiple dependency.

Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account

No. 01-2300.

Respectfully submitted,



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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS;

1. A skin cancer preventive agent containing sericin.
2. The skin cancer preventive agent according to claim 1 wherein, the sericin is a hydrolysis product of sericin.
3. The skin cancer preventive agent according to [either of claims] 1 [or 2] wherein, the weight average molecular weight of sericin is from 5,000 to 100,000.